

RICHMOND WELCOMES HER NEW FURNITURE AND CARPET ESTABLISHMENT.

TO-DAY we enter the mercantile field of Richmond. To excel as the leading Furniture and Carpet Concern of the South, we have founded a clear and effective plan of procedure for our career here, based on past experience, which is as sure to bring successful results here as elsewhere. Our efforts in behalf of our custom is sure to win for us a broad and confiding prestige. This store will be in every respect adequate to the wants of all. We have anticipated every possible need. The floors of our large double stores are filled with that which is newest in Furniture, Carpets, and Housefurnishing Goods in general. Our buying resources are equalled by few dealers in America; hence we can justly defend our claim as **Richmond's Lowest-Priced Furniture and Carpet House.**

About Our Credit System, your word is your bond with us. The advantage of this credit system extends to every one the privilege of having your purchases charged. To the prospective housekeeper or those in need of Furniture, Carpets, or Housefurnishing Goods of any kind, this system will prove of inestimable benefit. We can furnish your home from cellar to garret. The outlay is hardly noticeable. In fact, we make terms to suit your convenience.

Extension Tables.

A short talk on Extension Tables, in which we demonstrate what shrewd buying enables us to offer you.
Foot oak Extension Tables in solid oak, heavy legs.
Very handsome high-top Extension Tables.
\$3.48
\$6.50

Folding Beds.

Our stock embraces every conceivable style of this most useful article.
A very handsome oak Folding Bed, Chiffonier, style with glass toilet.
Folding Beds of every style and description.
\$14.75

Desk Department.

Large variety of ladies' fancy Desks in oak, birch, and mahogany finishes.
Ladies' pretty carved Fancy Desk.
A roundabout, quartered oak Chiffonier, finished.
\$4.50
\$4.45

Chiffonniers.

A household necessity. The handiest piece of furniture in the bed-room, prices within the reach of all.
A solid oak Chiffonier, 3 drawers, nicely carved and finished.
These prices prevail throughout the entire department.

China Closets.

Large assortment of square and oval front China Closets, beautiful golden oak finish. For example:
A roundabout, quartered oak China Closet, highly polished.
\$14.50

White Enamelled Bed Dept.

White Enamelled Brass-trimmed Beds in every variety of style and price.
A pretty white Enamelled Bed, 3 1/2 feet size.
Very heavy white Enamelled Brass-trimmed Beds, all widths.
We are showing an extensive line of these goods up to the very best.
\$2.98
\$4.25

Hall Racks.

Our stock of Hall Racks unsurpassed. We can suit you, no matter how modest or artistic your taste.
A pretty quartered oak, golden oak finish, shaped French plate Hall Rack.
From this up all in beautiful golden oak finish, styles both artistic and exclusive.
\$8.25

Carpet Department.

Our Carpets are from the very best makers in Brussels, Velvets, Moquettes and Axminsters.

Good 12-14 grain Carpet at..... 30c
Very heavy Wool Ingrain Carpet at..... 50c
Extra heavy Quality Brussels Carpet at..... 75c
Fancy Matting per yard..... 12 1/2c
26x36 size Smyrna Rugs at..... 79c
All Carpets made, laid, and lined free.

Parlor Furniture Department.

Nowadays it is a pleasure to have your friends visit you and welcome them to the most attractive spot of the home. The parlor is the center of family life, and a perplexing question, we solve the problem for you.
A very pretty 5-piece Parlor Suite, nicely carved frame, covered in tapestry.
A large 3-piece Parlor Suite, beautifully carved frame, mahogany finish, covered in fine silk tapestry.
A massive 5-piece Parlor Suite, beautiful silk damask covering.
An immense stock of Parlor Suits from these prices up to \$50.
\$14.50
\$24.75
\$37.50

Sideboards.

The Sideboard is the show piece of the most used room. Our styles of Sideboards unlimited in number. Styles you never saw before, among the latest productions of the most prominent manufacturers in the country. We mention one special, a \$25.00 value in golden oak finish, covered in fine silk tapestry, heavily carved.
We have them in oak as low as \$8.50 and up to \$50.
\$15.75

Chair Department.

Here we are showing series of kinds and styles for the dining-room, bed-room, or in fact any room in the house—see the prices.
High back Wood seat at..... 48c
Beautifully carved High back Chair at..... 85c
A large finely carved, high back brass arm dining-room Chair at..... \$1.25

Bedroom Furniture Dept.

The first thought of the housewife when furnishing her home is the sleeping-room. We show you every variety of style of finish in bedroom furniture, for example—a pretty oak Suite, 3 pieces, very neat dressing case with beveled plate mirror, large bedstead and washstand, nicely carved and finished.
A very large elaborately carved oak Suite, consisting of 10 pieces, including swell front dressing case, with beveled plate mirror, handsome bedstead and washstand and 4 chairs and rocker, one table and towel rack.
Bed Room Suits up to \$20.
\$13.75
\$32.50

Lamps and Crockery.

Here you may find the most useful or artistic, just as you please. Lamps for Parlor, Library, and hall.
Pretty Parlor Lamp, decorated Shade for..... \$1.25
Decorated Toilet Sets, large size, 10 pieces..... \$1.98
100-piece Dinner Sets, pretty decorations and designs that are new..... \$7.75

Rocking Chairs.

Here are found rocking chairs, all kinds, and they are made to stand the wear and tear. We believe we can show you the largest assortment in the city.
Ladies' Rocking Rockers, Hat, tan seat..... 55c
Large high-back Rocker, Arm Rocker, large size, oak or mahogany finish..... \$1.60

Couches and Bed Lounges.

In this department we can satisfy any taste. The largest assortment of Couches to be found anywhere. Good tapestry covered Couch, full tufted and fringed all around at..... \$4.95
A very handsome full tufted Couch, covered in fine corduroy, in tapestry, corduroy, and velvet up to \$35.00

Fancy Tables.

A feature of this stock is the plain prices we ask for fancy tables. There is always room for one or more, particularly at such prices as these.
15-inch top bed-room Table with Under Shelf..... 21c
A large 24x36-inch top Parlor Table in oak or mahogany finish, great value..... 89c

Lace Curtains and Portieres.

Lace Curtains, chenille and tapestry Portieres from the lowest price to the very best.
Lace Curtains..... 48c up
Portieres in Chenille and Tapestry, from..... \$1.08 up

Blankets and Comforts.

Complete line of Blankets, Comforts and Bedspreads.
104 Blankets from..... 65c up
Bed Comforts, Full size, from..... 75c up

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Your Credit
....is Good.

MAYER & PETTIT Southern Furniture and Carpet Co.
7 and 9 West Broad Street.

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Made to
Suit You.

SOUTH'S NEW ERA OF PROSPERITY

General Survey of Industrial Situation Shows Great Activity.

EVERY INDUSTRY IS CROWDED.

Phenomenal Showing of Iron and Steel, as Well as Lumber, and the Textile Establishments—An Encouraging Exhibit.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 1.—Special.—A general survey of the southern industrial situation as taken this week by the Manufacturers' Record shows a condition of activity and prosperity without a parallel in that section, in that every industry is crowded to the utmost. While the phenomenal prosperity in iron and coal attracts the greatest attention, the lumber business is equally as crowded and prosperous, phosphate mining is being pushed as never before with good prospects that the development of this industry will enable the South practically to monopolize the world's phosphate rock trade, copper and zinc mines are being opened on a large scale, cotton mill building goes on without a sign of let up, and established mills continue their record of heavy profits, water powers, whose wasted energies have heretofore served no good purpose, are being utilized. A coal and iron mine are being opened in the Tennessee, where the greatest activity prevails in pushing railroad construction and opening ore mines to feed the many furnaces nearly ready to blow in, to Birmingham, the center of the iron region of the South, there is a pressing demand for labor, and while Alabama operators are seeking everywhere for miners and day laborers, Tennessee phosphate people have agents in Alabama bidding for men to mine phosphate rock, in the brown ore region, which stretches from Shelby, Ala., through the Anniston district to Cedar-town and Cartersville, Ga., many important ore discoveries are being made, and a number of companies are being organized to tap the iron in that region. At Georgetown, S. C., lumber mills to cut from 20,000 to 30,000 feet a day are being built, and in connection therewith a 1,000-foot wharf, while the same people are projecting a railroad from that port through a great

timber section in the direction of western North Carolina.

UPWARD TENDENCY OF IRON.

Reports from the leading iron centers in the country show no change in the general upward tendency of iron and steel. There seems to be a settled feeling among buyers that to provide for their future wants they must secure the iron now for long delivery at prevailing prices more or less caution being exercised about these long delivery sales. The Birmingham correspondent of the Manufacturers' Record says there is no excitement in the market, and no anxiety concerning sales, as the buyers are doing all the courting, and the furnaces are considering all their pleas, and awarding iron according to their wits and influence. The fact that additional furnaces will in time blow in has had no effect of an injurious character on prices.

TEXTILE EXPANSION.

Among the evidences of the expansion of the textile industry during the week it is noted that the Hogshead Manufacturing Company, of Hogshead, Ga., will award next week a contract for the construction of a cotton duck mill in which will be installed 1,000 spindles. At Knoxville, N. C., it is proposed to build a factory containing from 2,000 to 30,000 spindles and from 120 to 250 looms for the production of goods for export trade from the local supply of cotton. The Newnan, Ga., Cotton Mills has plans prepared for a building for 1,000 spindles. A three-story building has been secured with boiler, engine room and dye house attached, for a spinning mill at Kennesaw, Ga. The Norwood, N. C., cotton mill will double its capacity. The Edgefield, (S. C.) Manufacturing Company is adding new looms to its equipment. The Ashcraft Cotton Mills, recently organized at Florence, Ala., now proposes to equip its mill with 3,000 spindles and 100 looms, while orders have been placed by the Cedarblow, Ga., Cotton Company, so that the full equipment of its Paragon mill will be 12,500 spindles. Subscriptions are being made under the auspices of the Huntsville, Ala., Chamber of Commerce for the People's cotton mill, a co-operative concern to have capital stock of \$200,000, while other projects which have advanced beyond mere discussion include an additional building for the Anniston, Ala., Carpet Company and mills at Sylva, Ala., at Spry, N. C., at Savannah, Ga., Denison, Tex., Jackson, Tenn., Norwood, La., and Koechnusko, Miss.

LIEUT. RALPH CLAY.

Died in San Francisco Before His Sister Arrived.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 1.—Special.—It was Lieutenant Ralph Clay, Thirteenth Infantry, of Newport News, who died at the military hospital in San Francisco on Thursday night. He was the brother of Mrs. Julian Price, of this city.

Three weeks ago, when Mrs. Price was visiting relatives in Virginia, Mr. Price received a letter from a friend in New York, stating that it was published, or reported, that Lieutenant Clay had been shot through the eyes in the Philippines and taken to the rear. Before communicating Mrs. Price on the subject, Mr. Price wired to the War Department for information, and was told that no injury to Lieutenant Clay.

But a few days ago Mrs. Price received a telegram, saying that her brother was dangerously ill in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Price left here for San Francisco immediately, but, unfortunately, did not reach

there until last night—twenty-four hours after the death of Mr. Clay.

Lieutenant Clay was twenty-five years of age, and a very promising young officer. He was the son of Captain Robert D. Clay, Fourteenth Infantry, who resigned his commission and served a custom-house at Newport News for some years.

DURHAM AFFAIRS.

Discussing Julian S. Carr as the Next U. S. Senator.
DURHAM, N. C., Sept. 1.—Special.—It is said that the addition to the already large East Durham cotton mill will bring fifty families to that suburb.

The tobacco factories are all working over time, and are behind in orders. A clear and cheerful factory here has orders ahead for one brand of cheroots amounting to seventy-eight thousand. The same condition of things exists in smoking tobacco, cigars, in the cotton mills, and the hosiery mill.

Farmers complain that caterpillars are destroying their orchards and other shrubbery to an unusual extent.

In a discussion among prominent men here yesterday the fact was brought out that General J. S. Carr was interested in, and at the head of, more industrial enterprises than any man in North Carolina, if not in the entire South. It is conceded that if he is not the next United States Senator from this State, it will not be the fault either of the old veterans to whose comfort he has contributed thousands of dollars, or the innumerable others of all sorts and grades to whom he has given timely help throughout the State.

This section is feeling the failure of the fruit crop. Grapes were a failure; there are no peaches, and but few indifferent apples and pears.

THE PATRICK LYNCHERS.

The Circuit Court Sustains Decision of the County Court.

STUART, Va., Sept. 1.—Special.—A writ of error has been awarded by Judge Whitte as to W. M. Branch, one of the alleged lynchers of Lee Puckett, but as to the other five the judgment of the county court has been sustained by the Circuit Court. It is probable that a noli prosequi will be entered as to Branch if a new trial is awarded, but a vigorous prosecution will be maintained as to all the rest.

J. D. McMillan, Jr., one of the other five, was tried at this term for the murder of Jesse Lewis, and was given eighteen years in the penitentiary. When arraigned for trial he had secured no counsel, and W. H. Gravely, E. J. Harvey, and S. A. Thompson volunteered their services in his behalf rather than see a poor man prosecuted for a capital offense without any counsel.

The general consensus of opinion before the trial was that he would be hung, and the saving of his neck, under the circumstances, is regarded as a victory.

The prisoner seems satisfied, and no appeal will be taken.

Several indictments were found at this term of the court, but only one of them was tried. That was the case of the Commonwealth vs. John Thorpe for grand larceny.

The defendant plead "guilty" and was given three years in the penitentiary. So far there have been nine convictions to the penitentiary in this county in 1899, and the total number of years is fifty-three.

DIPLOMAS AFTER PATIENT WAITING

The Recalcitrant Cadets Manfully Won Their Reward.

HONORS FOLLOW PUNISHMENT.

The Class of '99 Celebrated the New Year With a Pyrotechnic Display in Violation of Military Rule and Were All Reduced to Ranks.

LEXINGTON, Va., Sept. 1.—Special.—After long and patient waiting, humiliation, and hope deferred, twenty-nine cadets of the class of '99 at the Virginia Military Institute today received their reward. If their offense was great, so also has been their punishment. The cadets present received their diplomas in person, while the absent ones had theirs sent to them by express.

THE GRADUATES.

The order reads: Upon the recommendation of the Academic Board the following members of the first class have been declared by the Board of Visitors graduates of the Virginia Military Institute in the order of their names:

1. Morris Ernest Locke, Cincinnati, Ohio.
2. James Keith Payne, Warrenton, Va.
3. Daniel B. Shaver, Rockingham, Va.
4. George Audley Derbyshire, Richmond, Va.
5. Arthur C. Polk, Galveston, Texas.
6. Aristides Moreno, New York, N. Y.
7. Daniel Griffin, Galveston, Texas.
8. James J. Marshall, Markham, Va.
9. William Louis Zimmar, Jr., Petersburg, Va.
10. William M. Gwin, Jr., San Francisco, California.
11. William Dodd Scott, Fredericksburg, Va.
12. Floyd Kent, Wytheville, Va.
13. Louis K. Leske, Licking, Va.
14. Robert W. Miller, Woodville, Va.
15. Albert Arista Hoge, Staunton, Va.
16. Henry L. Shamer, Lynchburg, Va.
17. Henry Seley Ervay, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
18. J. Marvin Peters, Norfolk, Va.
19. Samuel G. Talbot, Richmond, Va.
20. Neil Young, St. Clair's Bottom, Va.
21. J. W. Yates, Markham, Va.
22. Gail Hamilton Alexander, Danville, Va.
23. Hugh G. Morrison, Gate City, Va.
24. James B. Ayers, Big Stone Gap, Va.
25. Philip Penny Ewing, Uniontown, Pa.
26. Dexter Gray, Lynchburg, Va.
27. Stephen Field Denby, Washington, D. C.
28. William Wood, Bristol, Va.
29. Frank Allison Sullivan, Elkton, Ky.
30. The first four are distinguished graduates.

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE.

The following degrees were conferred: Bachelor Science in the Engineering Course—1. James Keith Payne, Virginia;

2. Morris Ernest Locke, Ohio; 3. D. B. Shaver, Virginia.

The first Jackson-Hope medal has been awarded Cadet Morris Ernest Locke, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The second Jackson-Hope medal has been awarded Cadet James Keith Payne, Warrenton, Va.

THE ESCAPE.

It will be recalled that on the night of January 31st the entire first class, with one exception, at the Virginia Military Institute, as had been the custom there for years, indulged in their annual New Year frolic. First Captain G. A. Derbyshire, of Richmond, was officer of the day at that time, and in consequence was the only member of his class not in the sport. On that night, which happened to be Saturday, at nearly midnight, to the accompaniment of the booming of cannon, which had been initiated by time fuses, a brilliant display of colored lights and flashes from a multitude of sky rockets and roman candles was put off from the towers of the cadet barracks. The members of the class had smuggled into the Institute a supply of fireworks which, on the night in question, they went to the top of the barracks and securing themselves from the intrusion of officers, they proceeded to indulge in their pyrotechnic display.

The scene was a weird one. Snow and sleet were falling, and the cadets like myriads of fireflies flitted to and fro, illuminating the barracks with an unearthly light. They had a glorious time while it lasted, but one attended with sad results for them. When the revelers had indulged in inordinance to their hearts' content they lifted the trap door and returned to their rooms. As they did so all the first class except Captain Derbyshire were put under arrest.

They so remained until the following Tuesday night, January 31, when the Superintendent, General Scott Shipps, published an order discharging from the Institute all the offenders.

ACTION OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Visitors held a special meeting at the Virginia Military Institute January 25th and 26th to consider the cases of the dismissed cadets. All the members of the class who were in town—twenty-three in number—were brought before the board and rigidly examined in regard to the motives that prompted them in committing the excessive breach of discipline. They all expressed regret at having disobeyed the authorities and promised if taken back to cause no trouble in the future.

The following order of reinstatement was adopted by the board:

"The Board of Visitors, having heard the report of the Superintendent detailing the circumstances and grounds of his actions in the dismissal of the first class of cadets for mutinous and insubordinate conduct on the night of December 31, 1898, and having examined the affidavits in person or by properly accredited representatives find that they were properly dismissed and do strongly and fully approve the action of the Superintendent."

"Actuated by a desire to fully sustain the discipline and yet honor and believe that the ends of discipline can be maintained and the future safeguarded, the board orders that the parties heretofore named be reinstated to the cadet corps subject to the following conditions and penalties:

"1.—That they shall not be eligible to appointment as officers until after the expiration of a period of sixty days.

"2.—That they shall be deprived of all privileges that are usually granted to

the class to which they belong.

"3.—That they shall be required to perform ten hours of penitential duty and be on strict probation until the end of the season.

"4.—That they shall not be publicly graduated, and that the diplomas of those who may qualify for them shall be awarded in such a manner and at such a time as the Superintendent shall determine, not earlier than September 1, 1899.

"5.—That when they report for duty they shall sign such articles of reinstatement as the Superintendent may prescribe."

TOOK THEIR MEDICINE.

After the publishing of the order above the cadets began to report for duty and sign the pledge required of them by the Superintendent, which was in effect:

"We hereby pledge ourselves to abstain from all intoxicating liquors until July 1, 1899, and as all in our power to maintain the discipline of the school."

The boys went to work with a will, determined by hard study and good behavior to make up for the month that had been lost. At the expiration of sixty days many of them regained their old office. Time passed on and everything seemed bright. Commencement came, but no graduating class appeared in bright uniforms and gold lace to receive their sheepskins. Even Captain Derbyshire, who was entitled to his diploma, did not take it, because he declined to receive his until the class received theirs.

Now that the New Year's escapade is but a memory, the class of '99 will go forth with a deeper sense of the authority of the powers that be, and their characters will be better for the restrictions, stern and rigid though they were, put upon them.

A BAD FALL.

Roads and Crops in Bedford Badly Washed by Rains.

CHAMBERSBURG, Va., Aug. 31.—Special.—Mr. Joe Huddleston, who was reported in this correspondence as being paralyzed, is out again.

Mr. Charles Wren, farm space, fell from up in his tobacco house to the bottom tier pole on his right side, and was badly hurt. He is eighty-five years old.

The roads have been badly washed by the rains, and Goose Creek has been very high, washing some crops away and doing much damage to mills.

The primary election will be held here Saturday. Nomination means election, as has been demonstrated here in the past.

Williamsburg Notes.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Sept. 2.—Special.—Lieutenant Giff, U. S. N., was here this week to enter his son at William and Mary this fall.

Prof. Stubbs and family, of the college faculty, have gotten home from Gloucester, where they spent the summer.

Dr. Marcus Gayle, who has been so ill here the past month, was well enough to be taken to his home in Mathews yesterday.

The Misses Sweeney gave a delightful bay ride last night in honor of Mrs. J. R. Grimes of Smithfield. The party was composed of Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Sweeney, and the Misses Florence and Garnett Sweeney, India and Lizzie Bryan, of Warwick; Lizzie Tyler, Ruth Brathwaite and Mary Harlow, and Messrs. Harry Hundley, John Hundley, Gardiner Marable, Elmore Marable, Robert Barlow, and Henley Sweeney.

OFFICERS FROM NORTH CAROLINA

School Census for a Basis of Financial Apportionment.

A TWENTIETH CENTURY EDITION

A Fire Among Inflammable Material Smoulders in a Basement All Night. Eighty Successful Applicants for Scholarships—Labor Day.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 1.—Special.—News from Washington reports the following military appointments from North Carolina for the volunteer regiments, with the named rank and regiment: Captains W. R. Shaver, assigned to Forty-third Regiment, First Lieutenant A. V. Jones, Forty-fourth Regiment, First Lieutenant J. J. Wooten, Twenty-second Regiment, First Lieutenant J. N. Glick, Forty-fifth Regiment, All except Captain Shaver, who was in China with the First North Carolina Regiment, were in the Second North Carolina Regiment of Volunteers in the Spanish war.

Superintendent Stodge is busy sending out the blanks for the school census of next month, which will be made the basis of the apportionment of school funds to the district.

A BAREMET FIRE.

There was a slight fire here yesterday morning in the very heart of the city in a basement. It came near doing serious damage as it had smouldered all night in a basement where was stored much baggage and trunks of that character.

The twentieth century edition of the News and Observer, which was to have been issued July 4th, but which did not appear until this week, is a mammoth edition and splendidly gotten up.

The Executive Committee of the State Fair are to meet soon with the railroad people to secure satisfactory rates for Fair week. Many more people would come to the Fair if there is a satisfactory rate secured.

A NEW TRUSTEE.

Mr. A. P. Fann has been elected trustee to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of Hon. Henry Clay Wall.

There have been reported so far thirty successful applicants for scholarships at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. These are the scholarships in the gift of one hundred and twenty in all.

Monday is Labor Day, which is both a national and State holiday.

NERVOUSNESS.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

Strengthens and quiets the nerves.

Genuine bears name Horsford's on wrapper.